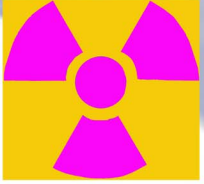


EMERGENCY ROOM CHECKLIST

for handling

RADIATION ACCIDENT PATIENTS



UPON NOTIFICATION A RADIATION ACCIDENT VICTIM IS ENROUTE:

1. Assemble treatment team and review radiological accident procedures.
2. Gather supplies to maintain isolation area.
3. Assume patient is contaminated: seek monitoring assistance.
4. If possible, determine current “background” level in the treatment area.
5. Notify the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA).

UPON ARRIVAL OF PATIENT:

1. Assess and treat the medical condition first. Use appropriate precautions.
2. If possible, survey to determine the presence and location of contamination.
3. Record any available information on the radiological exposure/contamination.
4. If contamination “above background” is present and the medical condition permits, attempt decontamination.
5. Bag and retain any contaminated clothing, wipes, gloves, and other material; label as “Radioactive-Do Not Discard.”
6. Survey all medical personnel, equipment and facilities for contamination.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

Nuclear Medicine/Radiology: _____

Hospital Radiation Safety Officer: _____

IEMA: 217-782-7860 Ask for the Radiation Duty Officer

Refer to the IEMA Medical Guide “Radiation Accidents” for further information and instructions.

